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"Books Make a Difference" Is Theme of New NBC/Library of Congress Reading Project

"Books Make a Difference," a project to extol the joys of reading, is a new joint undertaking of NBC and the Library of Congress. Public service announcements about reading and its pleasures will be seen this summer on the NBC owned and operated television stations and many of the NBC affiliated stations.

"Television can be a powerful inducement to reading," said Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin in announcing the project. "We are delighted to join with NBC in this effort to open up the wonderful world of books to millions of television viewers." Grant A. Tinker, NBC Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, noted that "literature has been the foundation and inspiration for so many of the better things we've done in television over the years, it's simply our responsibility to remind people of that and to encourage their reading interests."

The announcements feature stars of all ages from some of the network's most popular programs including "Cheers" (George Wendt and John Ratzenberger), "The Cosby Show" (Phylicia Rashad and Keshia Knight Pulliam), "Family Ties" (Justine Bateman and Scott Valentine), "Valerie" (Jason Bateman), "Hill Street Blues" (Bruce Weitz and James Sikking), "St. Elsewhere" (Stephen Furst, Ed Begley, Jr., and Norman Lloyd), and "Today" and "Mainstreet" (Bryant Gumbel). Additionally, two stars of "Miami Vice," Edward Olmos and Saundra Santiago, will appear in both Spanish- and English-language announcements. A poster guide featuring Phylicia Rashad and Keshia Knight Pulliam from "The Cosby Show" and containing a list of 60 books selected by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress is being distributed to libraries throughout the nation by NBC and its affiliates. *(Continued on p. 254)*

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NBC affiliates across the country are joining in the "Books Make a Difference" project, and many will work in cooperation with public libraries in their communities to promote books and reading. The poster guide also lists activities for encouraging reading designed for libraries and other community organizations, as well as families and individuals of all ages.

"Books Make a Difference" is a promotion theme of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, which was established by an Act of Congress in 1977 to stimulate public interest in books, reading, and the printed word. Statewide centers for the book in Florida, Illiniois, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Wisconsin, all affiliated with the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, will be participating in the new project.

Library of Congress Publications Praised for High Quality

Three books published by the Library of Congress have been selected as outstanding by the American Library Association from the nearly 4,000 Federal Government publications issued in 1983 and 1984. The books are: *Historic America: Buildings, Structures, and Sites,* by Alicia Stamm; *Panoramic Maps of Cities in the United States and Canada,* compiled by John R. Hébert; and *Revolutionary America, 1763–1789: A Bibliography,* compiled by Ronald M. Gephart.

These three books were included in the "1985 Notable Documents List" recently announced by the Notable Documents Committee of the Government Documents Round Table of the American Library Association. The Library was the only Federal agency with this many titles on the highly selective list of 19.

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Bruce Tapper, Editor

The selection criteria for the "1985 Notable Documents List" included: contribution to the expansion of knowledge, innovative presentation, creative approach, contribution to enhancing the quality of life, providing inspiration or pleasure, contribution to an understanding of government processes or functions, bibliographic or reference use, lucid style of writing, comprehensibility to nonspecialists, achieving its intended purpose, and physical appearance (typography, design, paper, quality of illustrations, printing, binding, etc.).

Stars Gather for NBC Presentation to Library

Television stars gathered in the Dirksen Senate Office Building on April 29 to celebrate the donation of some 20,000 early television programs to the Library of Congress by NBC (see LC Information Bulletin, *May 5, 1986, p. 129). Pictured*

above are (left to right) Lorne Greene, Steve Allen, Sid Caesar, Milton Berle, The Librarian of Congress, Jayne Meadows, and Grant Tinker, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of NBC.

Library Publishes Lectures On the History of Books

The Library has published, in a single pamphlet, two lectures sponsored by the Center for the Book in the spring of 1985: "The Book in History and the History of the Book," by John P. Feather, and "The Limits of Library History," by David McKitterick. John Feather is senior lecturer in the Department of Library and Information Studies, Loughborough University, England. David McKitterick is rare book curator in the Cambridge University Library, Cambridge, England. Both talks were sponsored with funds contributed to the Center for the Book by Mrs. Charles

W. Engelhard. The Engelhard Lectures on the Book consider books in their many roles—as physical objects, as transmitters of ideas, and as forces in society.

Single copies of *The History of Books and Libraries: Two Views,* a 32-page pamphlet, are available without charge from the Central Services Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540.

Library's Book Deacidification Program Moves Forward Following Review Of Incidents at Pilot Plant

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is completing an investigation of the two incidents at the Library's small-scale test deacidification facility, operated at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, that led to the shutdown of the facility in February.

As reported in the March 17 issue of the LC *Information Bulletin,* an incident in December 1985 resulted in a small flash fire caused by the contact of liquid diethyl zinc (DEZ) with air. DEZ in its liquid state decomposes and ignites spontaneously on contact with oxygen in the air. The Library's deacidification process uses DEZ as a gas at low pressure in an oxygen-free vacuum chamber to deacidify and add an alkaline buffer to paper.

Following the December incident, the facility was shut down pending a review of the cause of the fire. In February, following completion of the review, a second incident occurred during clean-up and purging of the chemical delivery system that ruptured lines and caused a small fire and explosion that damaged a pump, pipelines, and the building walls.

The investigation of the two incidents by NASA's Accident Investigation Board is expected to be completed in report form in late July. To date, the Library has received some preliminary information that sheds new light on the causes of both incidents. The reason for the December flash fire was definitely liquid DEZ which had collected on the chamber floor. This undetected situation was apparently caused by a combination of inappropriate procedures, equipment malfunction, and design deficiencies. One key factor under study is the possibility that a much larger quantity of liquid DEZ/mineral oil mixture had been transferred into the system than the maximum of 30 pounds that had been planned.

In addition, the Accident Investigation Board is carefully analyzing the procedures followed during the clean-up of the December flash fire to determine the cause of the February incident. There is evidence that an incorrect procedure to clean the system's brine seal tank may have allowed water to be sucked into a pipeline filled with liquid DEZ. The brine seal tank is an experimental part of the recovery system for scrubbing exhaust gases of residual DEZ. Contact of the salt water from the brine seal tank with liquid DEZ would cause decomposition of DEZ and formation of pressurized ethane gas.

The Library's own review of the test facility has revealed serious design and procedural deficiencies in the prototype chemical delivery system that will be addressed and corrected in a redesign of the facility. NASA's findings will be addressed in a similar manner.

In addition, the Library has taken action to modify technical engineering input and to improve the overall management of the deacidification program. Specifically, after discussions with NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, the Library and NASA mutually agreed that the test facility and further experimentation with the design of a commercial facility would be better served by locating the test facility and its design aspects in the chemical process industry. The Library is currently negotiating a contract with a major chemical design firm and with one of the two chemical producers of metal alkyls in the United States to undertake the design, construction, and operation of the new test facility. It is also clear that the chemical process industry must play a key role in the construction, start-up, and operation of the main facility. The involvement of the chemical process industry at this stage of the planning process is made with the realization that the Library is building a chemical treatment facility that requires chemical engineering expertise to deal with the safe handling of metal alkyls.

The Library has also moved to consolidate the overall management of the project by putting together a team of Library experts and outside contractors to accomplish the task of bringing the main plant into operation by the end of 1989. Peter G. Sparks, director for preservation, will direct all aspects of the program and will report for this task to Donald C. Curran, Associate Librarian of Congress. The total program has been divided into 13 distinct projects, each with specific goals and objectives, a project manager, and team of individuals. The matrix management approach will result in better centralized management of the project while putting key technical people in charge of day-to-day operations. Sy H. Friedman, a licensed professional chemical process engineer with extensive experience in chemical plant design and construction, has been hired as a consultant to provide the Library with crucial in-house expertise in chemical process design.

The Library estimates that it will take 12 to 14 months to redesign, build, and begin operating the new test facility. Bids for the construction of the two thermal vacuum chambers and the building for the large-

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scale facility were opened in April and looked favorable. However, the Library has taken the most prudent approach and will delay awarding contracts for the main facility until the pilot facility is operational and the design of the chemical delivery system is proven effective. The resulting delays are expected to push the start-up date for the main facility from late 1988 to sometime in 1989.

The Library of Congress is confident that the DEZ process will supply the most universal deacidification treatment for its varied collections. In addition, the Library is confident that the chemical process engineering required to convert liquid diethyl zinc into a gas at low pressure for the treatment of books is a viable process that can be implemented and handled safely. The incidents at the test facility at NASA, while unfortunate, appear at this time to be clearly traceable to ineffective procedures or design deficiencies. These will be corrected by using expertise available in the chemical process industry.

Other aspects of the Library's deacidification program are also moving forward and involve the Library Environment Resources Office, the Collections Management Division, and the Preservation Policy Com-
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Donald S. Klopfer Dies

Donald S. Klopfer, a leading figure in American publishing, died on May 30 at the age of 84. Mr. Klopfer became a publisher in 1925 when he and Bennett Cerf purchased the Modern Library, a series of classic reprints, and transformed it into one of the most successful publishing enterprises in American history. Mr. Klopfer and Mr. Cerf, however, were not content merely to publish reprints of classic titles, and in 1927 they formed another company to publish a wide array of original books "at random." Random House quickly gained a reputation for creativity and venturesomeness. It immediately began to publish the work of Eugene O'Neill, and it also signed up emerging American authors such as William Faulkner, Robert Penn Warren, and a host of writers who would later acquire transcendent reputations. Random House made publishing history in 1933, when it successfully challenged existing censorship practices and won the right to publish James Joyce's *Ulysses,* which previously had been banned in the United States and elsewhere.

Mr. Klopfer was well known for his many kindnesses to young editors and authors, and he continued to give an orientation to new employees at Random House even after becoming chairman of the board. He and his widow, the former Kathleen Louchheim, were great friends of the Library of Congress, other libraries, and the world of letters.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) took time out from his busy schedule on June 19 to listen to several Irish tunes and say a few words to the audience gathered for the concert by the Irish Tradition, part of the American Folklife Center's free noontime series on the Library's Neptune Plaza. Remarking that it was a lovely day and a wonderful concert, he added that he would like to see the Irish Tradition return soon to the local Dubliner pub where they frequently performed in the past. Looking on are members of the group, Brendan Mulvihill (left), Billy McComiskey, and Andy O'Brien.

Bibliography Supplements Lelewel Display

The Library now has available *Joachim Lelewel, Scholar, 1786–1861, Bio-Bibliographic Sketch,* published in conjunction with the display in the European Reading Room (LC *Information Bulletin,* May 19, p. 174). This 18-page illustrated pamphlet includes a short biographical sketch and a selective bibliography, which is subdivided into Lelewel's own writings and works about Lelewel.

Lelewel's own writings reflect the Polish scholar's myriad interests, which ranged from numismatics to ancient history, geography, and library science. The selective list includes several of the studies in comparative history that earned Lelewel his doctorate from Krakow University. Of special interest to those interested in firsthand accounts of history are Lelewel's letters during his exile in France following his participation in the unsuccessful Polish insurrection of 1830–31.
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STAFF NEWS

A Pitch and a Putt, and More

On May 19, a beautiful spring day despite the weatherman's gloomy predictions, 102 stalwart souls ventured away from the Library for that annual spring ritual which pits mere mortals against harsh elements: high grass, bright sun, pollen, ball-eating chipmunks, miniature inland beaches, treacherous winds, invasive shrubbery, and endless oceans of water. Valiantly these men and women set out, armed with only a handful of bent metal poles and tiny round rubber bullets, in the pursuit of an elusive, ever-shrinking, empty target. The event was the spring Library of Congress Welfare and Recreation Association Golf Tournament; the pastime—golf.

Most of the golf outings trophy winners and members of the Library's Welfare and Recreation Association posed for this parting shot: (front row, from the left) Yvonne Davis, Dianna Sanders, Rozita Melson, Erma Wall, Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh, and Dick Thaxter. In the back row are: Regene Ross (left), Eric Reid, Mike Murphy, Mike Thaxter, Sammy Washington, and Karen Wood.

In a continuing search for new scenery, unique challenges, and the eternal quest for lower scores, the players held the tournament at the Bowie Golf and Country Club for the first time. The contest of player versus course was worthy of media coverage. Unfortunately, reporters from local newspapers and television stations were diverted at the last moment to do background biographical research in the Library's Main Reading Room in preparation for the Kemper Open. Certainly news was still made at the Library's tournament in the innovative use of weapons, the judicious alteration of the natural environment, profound individual discourses upon golf ball genealogy, and varied displays of manic-depressive behavior.

Despite the many rumors concerning the results of the golf tourney, the official scorecard records the following information:

The course: length—5279–6308 yards; approximate number of holes—18; number of contestants challenged—85 men, 17 women; contestant affiliations—69 LC employees, 8 LC retirees; 25 guests.

The golfers and winners: Librarian's Trophy (men's low gross score)—Eric Reid (77), Librarian's Trophy (men's second low gross score)—Mike Murphy (78); Deputy Librarian's Trophy (women's low gross score)—Regene Ross (91), Deputy Librarian's Trophy (women's second low gross score)—Karen Wood (97); WRA Trophy (low net score, Peoria handicap)—Mike Thaxter, WRA Trophy (second low net score, Peoria handicap)—Sammy Washington; Perseverance Award (high gross score)—Mary Lindsay; Championship Flight winner—Bob McGowan (74), Championship Flight runner-up—Francis Washington (77); First Flight winner—Chuck Noel, First Flight runner-up—Jerry Parsell; Second Flight winner—Grace Hall, Second Flight runner-up—John Sullivan; Longest drive competition winner (men)—Mario Conti, Longest drive competition winner (women)—Anne Wilson; Closest-to-the-pin competition winner (men)—Dick Thaxter, Closest-to-the-pin competition winner (women)—Tori Hill; LC retiree low gross score (men)—Fred Croxton, LC retiree low gross score (women)—Grace Hall; Foursome with lowest net score—Jack Early, Bobby Dove, Jim Broderick, Billy Howser; Golfer with most improved score since fall of 1985 tournament—Tori Hill; and Golfer with most regression in score since fall of 1985 tournament—Ray Saldi.

Upon the completion of "play," the golfers returned to Bowie's clubhouse to exchange condolences, accolades, and tall tales. While the majority of contestants occupied themselves with the amenities of a catered buffet luncheon and liquid refreshment, combat moved into the arena of man versus machine. Despite the dedicated efforts of Dick Thaxter in inputting the golfer's scores to a program he devised for an IBM

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personal computer (graciously lent by Gary Columbia of the Procurement and Supply Division), the numerical superiority and manual computations of several seasoned scorers prevailed in experimental time trials. Upon the completion of these mathematical exercises, trophies and awards were presented to the winners by Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh (90,6 pars). A trophy, donated by the Documents Expediting Section of the Exchange and Gift Division, was presented to Karen Wood; such an award is presented at each tournament in recognition of individual effort contributing to the growth and success of the Library's golf tournaments.

Random drawings were held for a variety of donated prizes. Special thanks were extended to those involved in preparations for the tournament—Kathy Gould, Joe Love, Jack Early, and Bill Hollis, and those who donated prizes or awards—WRA, the LC Federal Credit Union, ARA Services, C & P Telephone Co., Fiori's Restaurant, the Bowie Golf and Country Club, and Mike Thaxter. The Library's Welfare and Recreation Association, which also provides desserts to refortify the golfers after each tourney, was represented at this event by Erma Wall, Rozita Melson, Yvonne Davis, and Dianna Sanders. Edwin Krintz assured that each participant would leave the tournament with a positive remembrance through his generous donation of personalized golf-bag tags.

The fall LC-WRA Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 22, 1986.

—Karen Wood

Herbert Becker Talks To Online Users Group About Future Automation

Herbert Becker, director of the Automated Systems Office, spoke on "Automation: Parameters for the Future," at a meeting of the Online Users Group on May 28.

Mr. Becker began with an overview of the Automated Systems Office (ASO) and a summary of the major systems and projects supported or under development by ASO. The office is responsible for the planning, research, development, and implementation of automated systems for every department of the Library. ASO operates the hardware and software computer systems in the Library's central computer facility and is responsible for maintaining and developing Library-owned telecommunications facilities.

ASO currently supports the technical processes of the Processing Services Department through the MUMS system and the Copyright Office through the COINS and COPICS systems. Congressional support is provided via the SCORPIO system and ISIS, a minicomputer-based system that allows CRS to track congressional inquiries. ASO has developed the software, and houses and operates the hardware, for the Optical Disk Pilot Project.

In the area of administration, ASO supports the Financial Management Office's accounting activities and the Library's batch payroll system. New systems under development include the Acquisitions and Serials Control functions, the Circulation Control System, and the "Fetch" command, which will link SCORPIO to the existing Book Paging System. In the near future, ASO will install a natural language query system, "INTELLECT," to provide access to the Library's personnel database.

Mr. Becker said the Library of Congress had accomplished a great deal over the last 20 years in the area of automation including the attainment by users of a high level of maturity and sophistication.

Many factors, however, are forcing changes in automation at the Library. The Library's data files are very large and complex and are growing at a fast rate. User demands on these files and for new automated support are also growing. The existing systems were state-of-the-art at the time they were designed, but they are now aging. It is not known how much longer they can support the ever-increasing number of users, transactions, and applications. With resources devoted to automation not likely to grow significantly, the future direction of automation at the Library will be guided by the Strategic Information Systems Planning Project.

This project's planning process, also known as strategic data planning, will create a model of the Library in terms of its goals and objectives, key functions, data, processes, and relationships of these goals and functions to each other and with the outside world. Strategic information systems planning will include a systems migration plan outlining how the Library will move from its current position to the desired future position. The plan will be Library oriented rather than department oriented. The analysis will focus on how data is created and used and will not be constrained by organizational boundaries and specific applications. The Library expects to develop an ongoing planning process rather than to create a single plan. The planning effort has been approved by top Library management and will be done under the auspices of the Committee on Automation Planning.

Meanwhile, the continuing challenge to ASO is to use existing resources in the best way possible. Some changes in the organizational structure of ASO are anticipated, to simplify working procedures and standards and to provide increased and improved user

support. ASO is using a project management system to control and manage development projects better and to provide information to its managers on the capacity for new work, the efficient distribution of the workload, and the scheduling of development resources.

Mr. Becker, who is often asked to forecast the future of automation at the Library, stressed that planning for the future rather than forecasting it can provide more control over the direction of automation. By doing strategic information systems planning, ASO and the Library can better meet future needs and live up to the high expectations of its many users.

—Louis Drummond

WRA Is Forming a Music Appreciation Club

The Welfare and Recreation Association (WRA) is pleased to announce the formation of the Music Appreciation Club.

The idea for the club grew out of a series of events begun in 1985 and sponsored by the Copyright Office to celebrate the birthdays of Bach, Handel, Scarlatti, and Schuetz. Four concerts of the music of these noted composers were presented by Library staff members, and lectures were given by Washington, D.C., composer Jerzy Sapieyevsky and former music editor of the *Washington Post,* Paul Hume.

Because many staff members indicated interest in the continuation of these programs, the organizers of the events sought to create a club affiliated with WRA. The request has been approved, and staff members are cordially invited to become members.

The purpose of the club is to promote interest in serious music and to provide staff members with opportunities of hearing music and speakers in noontime events. Those interested should contact Geoffrey Simon, ext. 76040.

Kathryn M. Pindy Retires

Kathryn M. Pindy, slavic acquisitions specialist in the Order Division, retired on June 17 after almost 30 years of Federal service. A luncheon, attended by her three grandchildren, coworkers, friends, and supervisors, was held at a Capitol Hill restaurant in honor of her retirement. Mrs. Pindy plans to spend most of her time with her family and to travel.

Thomas A. Brown Awarded 30-Year Medallion

Thomas A. Brown, senior library technician in the Searching Unit, Distribution Section, Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS), received a medallion on May 21 for his 30 years of Federal service. The award was presented by Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin, Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh, and Louis R. Mortimer, director of personnel, at the Semiannual Awards Ceremony.

Mr. Brown began his Federal service with four years in the U.S. Navy, from April 1954 to 1958. He received specialized training in Class A and officers' training. From 1958 to 1960 he was employed in private industry. Mr. Brown came to the Library of Congress as a deck attendant in the Reference Department (now Research Services), Stack and Reader Division, in February 1960. He was reassigned to the Serial Division, in which his knowledge of Spanish and French were useful in his new duties. He transferred to the position of card drawing clerk in the Card Division (now CDS), in December 1961. During his Library career, he was reassigned as a stock clerk in May 1962, promoted to senior library assistant in February 1963, to audio-visual technician in November 1969, to senior audio-visual technician in November 1970, and to his current position in March 1971.

Mr. Brown is a native of Charles City, Va., where he graduated from Ruthville High School. He also completed a two-year course in physical education at Virginia State College and a one-year course in government at American University. He is a member of Rock Creek Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., where he serves as treasurer and as a trustee. His hobbies include small-game hunting, fishing, and outdoor sports. He is also a member of the John Pershing Rifle Society.

Mr. Brown and his wife have a daughter, who is a senior at Spellman College, Atlanta, Ga., majoring in sociology. They reside in Hyattsville, Md.

Joe L. Johnson Receives 30-Year Medallion

Joe L. Johnson, senior library technician in the Searching Unit, Distribution Section, Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS), was presented a medallion for over 30 years of Federal service by Francis T. Marsden, Jr., supervisor of the Searching Unit, and Samuel James, assistant supervisor, on June 4.

Mr. Johnson served four years in the U.S. Air Force from 1955 to 1959, as an air passenger specialist. Upon completion of his military service, he accepted employment at the U.S. Capitol. He transferred to the Library of Congress in November 1959, in the Mail and Shipping Unit, CDS. He performed in progressively more responsible positions as clerk, library assistant, senior stock clerk, supervisory library technician, and catalog

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maintenance assistant, in which he gained extensive searching experience, before being promoted to his current position in 1972.

Mr. Johnson participated in the first Library of Congress Employee Art Show in October 1970, in which he exhibited a watercolor painting, and again in 1985, with a pen and ink drawing. He developed an interest in commercial art during his junior high school years, while attending school in California. He is a graduate of McClymonds High School in Oakland, Calif., and has continued his studies in commercial art at Columbia Technical Institute and Prince George's Community College.

Mr. Johnson is a member of TrueWay Church in Washington, D.C. In his leisure time he enjoys photography, doing jigsaw puzzles, listening to gospel music, and furthering his pursuits in the field of art. He and his wife have two daughters, one of whom is married, a son who is in the Marine Corps, and four grandchildren. Mr. Johnson and his family reside in Landover, Md.

Leon E. Sims Earns 30-Year Medallion

Leon E. Sims, assistant head, Distribution Section, Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS), was awarded a medallion by Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin, Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh, and Louis R. Mortimer, director of personnel, in recognition of more than 30 years of Federal service. The presentation took place at the Semiannual Awards Ceremony on May 21.

Mr. Sims began his Federal career with the U.S. Air Force in September 1952. After basic training at Sampson Air Force Base, N.Y., he was stationed at Kelly, Mitchell, and Clark Air Force bases. While serving in the Air Force he attained the rank of staff sergeant. He also completed several specialized courses in accounting. Mr. Sims' enlisted field in the Air Force was cryptography, in which he ciphered and deciphered coded materials for the National Security Agency. He was honorably discharged in September 1956.

Mr. Sims joined the Library of Congress in November 1959, as a stock checker filer in the former Inventory Section, CDS. During his career with the Library, he has held increasingly responsible positions, all of which have led to promotions. He received letters of appreciation in 1970 and 1971; outstanding performance ratings in 1981 and 1985; and quality step increases in 1982 and 1985.

Mr. Sims is a native of Richmond, Va., where he graduated from Armstrong High School and later completed a two-year course at Smith-Madden School of Business, from 1957 to 1959. He is a member of Walker Memorial Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., where he serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees and chairman of the Building Development Committee. Because of his faithful service, the church presented him its "Man of the Year" award in 1981 and a certificate of appreciation for outstanding and dedicated service in 1984. He is also treasurer of the Ingraham South Dakota Block Club Civic Association.

In his leisure time, Mr. Sims enjoys bowling, pinochle, and reading. He resides in Washington, D.C., with his wife and son, and has a married daughter, Deborah Washington, who resides in Hyattsville, Md., with her husband.

Staff Activities

Michael W. Albin, chief of the Order Division, is the author of "The Iranian Publishing Industry: A Preliminary Appraisal" published in *Libri,* Vol. 36, No. 1 (1986). On March 10 at the 96th meeting of the American Oriental Society, Mr. Albin delivered a paper titled "Islamic Book History: Parameters of a Discipline." He also participated in the annual conference of the American Research Center in Egypt, held in Washington, D.C., on April 19, at which he presented "Official Culture in Egypt and the Role of the Book." On May 23, Mr. Albin delivered a paper titled "Early Printing in Islamic Lands: The Case of Tunisia" at the annual conference of the American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies, held at Villanova University.

Stephanie Hall, intern in the Archive of Folk Culture, American Folklife Center, presented a paper titled " 'Here We Sign': Functions of Folklore in the Socialization of Deaf Youths" at the Second Research Conference on the Social Aspects of Deafness. The conference was held at Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C., on June 9. The commentator on her paper was Simon J. Carmel, Gallaudet lecturer on deaf folklore. The conference attracted deaf and hearing scholars from a variety of disciplines including sociology, anthropology, sociolinguistics, and history. A bound volume of the conference papers is available from the Gallaudet College Department of Sociology and Social Work.

William J. Welsh, The Deputy Librarian of Congress, is the author of "Preserving the Book and Other Library Resources: A Worldwide Plan" which appears in *Boek, bibliotheek en geesteswetenschappen,* published this year in Amsterdam. The publication contains contributions from 38 colleagues of Cornelis Reedijk, National Librarian of the Netherlands, Koninklijke Bibliotheek, and was presented to Dr. Reedijk on April 1, on the occasion of his retirement.

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The list of works about Lelewel and his writings offers 37 entries, which include both general biographies and works about Lelewel's accomplishments and influence in specific areas of study.

Each bibliographical entry includes both the original Polish title and its English translation where necessary. To aid researchers, each entry also includes information on its availability, in the form of either the Library of Congress call number or a listing of other libraries in the United States in which the item can be found.

This biobibliographic work and the accompanying display, which has been extended through July, are the result of the efforts of Janina W. Hoskins, Polish specialist in the European Division for more than 30 years.

Joachim Lelewel, Scholar, 1786–1861, Bio-Bibliographic Sketch (Washington, D.C.: Library of Congress, 1986: LC call number Z8498.5.H67 1986) is available free from the European Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540.

New *Science Tracer Bullets* Published

Copies of the following publications may be obtained free on request from the Science Reference Section, Science and Technology Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540. Copies have also been provided to the Superintendent of Documents for distribution to depository libraries.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Artificial Intelligence. ISSN 0090-5232 (TB 86-1). January 1986. Compiled by Kay Rodgers, this literature guide provides basic reference material about the emerging technology of constructing computer systems capable of performing functions normally associated with human intelligence.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Jojoba and Other Oilseed Plants. ISSN 0090-5232 (TB 86-3). May 1986. Compiled by T.R. Liao, this literature guide provides basic reference material about the oil extraction processes and the many uses of the jojoba bean and other oilseed crops.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Mars (Planet). ISSN 0090-5232 (TB 86-2). January 1986. Compiled by Diana Niskern, this literature guide updates TB 72-8 and provides basic reference material on the scientific studies of Mars and its satellites, and on the technologies for its remote or manned exploration.

Participants in Optical Disk Pilot Project Gather

A celebration of the Optical Disk Print Pilot Project was held on April 22 in the Newspaper and Current Periodical Reading Room with a luncheon in the

Optical Disk Print Project management and operations staff are pictured above.

Madison Building. All Library staff members involved in the project were invited to participate in ceremonies marking the public opening of full text delivery of the *Congressional Record* (CR file) through the optical disk database. Currently on disk and available for public retrieval are issues from January 3, 1985, through the present. The availability of the CR file is the latest step in the Library's four-year Optical Disk Pilot Program. The program is designed to evaluate the use of the new technology for information preservation, compact storage, retrieval, and determining the costs and benefits in a library setting.

Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh directed the opening ceremonies and congratulated staff members on their dedication and hard work towards making the pilot program a success. The public opening of the CR file on disk retrieval marks the beginning of Phase II of the Print Pilot Project. Phase I includes full text retrieval of some 4,000 articles accessed through the Bibliographic Citation (BIBL) file. Later this year, Phase II will include manuscripts (Asher Collection), maps, and serials.

Mr. Welsh said that the *Congressional Record* was an excellent candidate for transfer to optical digital disk since it receives heavy use throughout the Library and appropriate online indexing already exists. The CR file indexes all portions of the printed record—House, Senate, Daily Digest, Extension of Remarks, and

House Lobby. Legislative activities and major statements made by Members on the floor are cited by the index. Items of interest can be located by using a variety of search techniques: subject or key word, Member, date, bill, committee, public law number, recorded votes, and report.

The new optical disk automated system is the only one of its kind in use in a library and is now accessible by the public in the Law Library, Newspaper and Current Periodical, Science, and Main reading rooms from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Participants in the celebration were:

Pam Bacher, Automated Systems Office; Herbert Becker, Automated Systems Office; Melissa Betcher,

Mr. Welsh (left) speaks to the gathering of participants in the Optical Disk Pilot Project. Mr. Zich is on the far right.

Office of Planning and Development; Susan Biebel, Automation Planning and Liaison Office; Lesia Bodnaruk, Preservation Microfilming Office; David Carrington, Geography and Map Division; Willie Coker, Integrated Automation, Inc.; Eileen Cooke, American Library Association; Susan David, Office of Automated Information Services, Congressional Research Service; Ann Dea, Automated Systems Office; Berkeley Deane, Binding Office; Louis Drummond, General Reading Rooms Division; Audrey Fischer, Preservation Office; Floris Flam, Congressional Reference Division; John Giron, Preservation Microfilming Office; Kathy Gould, Serial and Government Publications Division; Karl Green, Science and Technology Division; Jeff Griffith, Office of Automated Information Services, Congressional Research Service; Ellen Hahn, General Reading Rooms Division; Mark Hauver, Preservation Microfilming Office; Tom Kearns, Automated Systems Office; Dave Kelly, General Reading Rooms Division; John Kimball, General Reading Rooms Division; John Knowlton, Manuscript Division; Beth Lawrey, Preservation Microfilming Office; Shirley Loo, Library Services Division, Congressional Research Service; Melvin Mumford, Binding Office; Jim Myers, General Reading Rooms Division; Robert Nay, American-British Law Division; Bill Nugent, Automated Systems Office; Ela Pelish, Preservation Microfilming Office; Marybeth Peters, Copyright Office; Carl Peterson, Preservation Microfilming Office; Joe Price, Science and Technology Division; Kay Rodgers, Science and Technology Division; Julie Ruth, Preservation Microfilming Office; Tim Saffell, Automated Systems Office; Norman Shaffer, Photoduplication Service; Roberta Shaffer, Law Library; John Sillay, Preservation Microfilming Office; Bill Sittig, Collections Development Office; Alan Solomon, General Reading Rooms Division; Peter Sparks, Preservation Office; Tamara Swora, Preservation Microfilming Office; Kris Vajs, Library Services Division, Congressional Research Service; Bill Varga, American-British Law Division, William J. Welsh, Deputy Librarian of Congress; Dean Wilder, Automated Systems Office; Karen Wood, Serial and Government Publications Division; Bohdan Yasinsky, Preservation Microfilming Office; Bob Zich, Office of Planning and Development; Chris Zynjuk, Preservation Microfilming Office.

Library Publishes Free Reference Guide On American Firearms

The Library of Congress General Reading Rooms Division has published "American Firearms and Their Makers Since 1850: A Selected List of References." The seven-page bibliography, compiled by Richard F. Sharp of the division, should be of interest to gun collectors, hunters, hobbyists, and historians. It contains biographical material, standard price guides, and sources of information on specifications, model runs, serial number ranges, and company histories. Manufacturers covered include Allen and Wheelock, Browning, Colt, Deringer, Ethan Allen, Hi-Standard, Manhattan, Marlin, Parker, Remington, Ruger, Savage, Sharps, L.C. Smith, Smith & Wesson, Spencer, Stevens, Whitney, and Winchester.

The bibliography is available free from the General Reading Rooms Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540. Copies have also been provided to the Superintendent of Documents for distribution to depository libraries.

Atlantic Port Cities (1650–1850)

Participants at the recent "Atlantic Port Cities" symposium (see LC Information Bulletin, *May 12, p. 150) included A.J.R. Russell-Wood (left), Franklin W. Knight, and Philip D. Curtin, all of Johns Hopkins University, and John Hébert, Hispanic Division, Library of Congress.*

The "Latin American Port Cities" exhibit, in the corridor outside the Geography and Map Division, complemented the symposium topics.

1985 Catalog of Cooperative Africana Microform Project Is Issued

The Cooperative Africana Microform Project (CAMP) and the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) have issued *CAMP Catalog, 1985 Cumulative Edition,* which supersedes all earlier CAMP catalogs and supplements.

The volume contains 642 pages of photoduplicated catalog records and a subject index. The 7,590 entries are arranged in alphabetical order and include all CAMP titles cataloged as of May 1985. Copies are available from the CRL Information Office, 6050 Kenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60637, for $21.50 for CAMP members and $45.50 for nonmember libraries and individuals.

Gwendolyn Brooks Shares Poetry With Sixth Graders

Gwendolyn Brooks, outgoing Consultant in Poetry, shared her poetry at the Library with a group of sixth graders from the National Cathedral School of Washington, D.C., on May 12. Mrs. Brooks also engaged in discussions with the youngsters during the program sponsored by the Library's Children's Literature Center, which was held in the Mary Pickford Theater. She was introduced by Sybille Jagusch, chief of the center.

Mrs. Brooks speaking in the Pickford Theater to children of the National Cathedral School, Washington, D.C.

Meetings and Events Around the Library

Wednesday, July 16

☐ "Materials in Foreign Languages within the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped [NLS/BPH]," James Herndon, NLS/BPH. Special Interest Group on Ethnic Resources. LC Professional Association. Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

Thursday, July 17

☐ Blue Ridge Mountain String Band, American Folklife Center free noontime concert. Neptune Plaza.

Thursday, July 24

☐ "The *Histories* of Herodotus," Great Books Study Group. LC Professional Association. Room LM 642 (Small Conference Room), 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

☐ "Discussion of the Scholarly Atmosphere at the Library and Attitudes towards Employee Research Studies," Support Group for Active Scholars. LC Professional Association. Room LM 642 (Large Conference Room), 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

Events are open to the public unless otherwise specified.

Deacidification *(Continued from p. 256)*

mittee. Several studies are under way to investigate the most efficient and economical means to move books to and from the deacidification facility, including such factors as work flow for new versus retrospective books; transportation arrangements; and labeling, packing, and reshelving operations. Personnel and space requirements are also being studied. In addition, the Library's Preservation Policy Committee has recommended a plan to deacidify the classified general collections, currently estimated at 14 million volumes, based on priorities for segments of the collection deemed most important to the Library.

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